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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other Test Report

2. Miscellaneous

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF RCE
Introductory Comments

This Preliminary Amendment is now filed to create an RCE patent application following final rejection, on June 3, 2003, of all claims (4-6, inclusive) in the immediate predecessor U.S. Patent Application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 5 and 6 are cancelled without prejudice, and claim 4 is amended.

Additionally, accompanying this Preliminary Amendment, and discussed briefly in the Remarks section hereinbelow, are photocopies of pages of an independent-laboratory test report generated in response to applicants' request for certain comparative shock-absorbing tests designed to help evaluate the observed advantageous performance of a cushioning insole made in accordance with the present invention. This two-page, paginated report is labeled "Test Report".

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